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SUBJ: F/V VILCO SEIZURE

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1. FISHATT MET APRIL 3 WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHERY REGIONS VEGA RIVAS AND HIS STAFF. MEETING ALSO ATTENDED BY ROBERT MAUERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION WHO WAS IN TOWN ON OTHER BUSINESS AND ACCOMPANIED FISHATT AS OBSERVER. MEXICAN OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR THAT FISHERIES SECRETARIAT MORE OR LESS OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT NAVY VERSION OF INCIDENT WHICH PUT VILCO AT 6 MILES FROM SHORE WHEN SIGHTED AND 10 MILES FROM SHORE WHEN STOPPED. HOWEVER AGREED TO REDUCE BOND TO US\$6,800. MINIMUM PENALTY UNDER MEXICAN LAW IS US\$6,000. THIS BOND IS TO COVER POSSIBLE FINE WHICH IN PAST HAS ALWAYS EQUALED BOND.

2. IN TELECON WITH FISHATT ON MARCH 30 SKIPPER JOSEPH VILLERS SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO BOND FOR FISHERIES DEPT. THERE WERE CHARGES OF US\$3,260.00 WHICH ARE TAXES BASED ON TONNAGE OF BOAT AND QUANTITY OF SHRIMP ABOARD. OWNER ROBERT VILLERS WAS INFORMED APRIL 3 OF REDUCTION OF BOND AND OF THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES REPORTED BY HIS SON. OWNER VILLERS SAID HE WAS ANXIOUS TO GET BOAT OUT OF PORT AND ASKED FISHATT TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY AND IF IT COULD BE PAID TO MEXICAN CONSUL IN MIAMI.

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3. APRIL 4 FISHATT CALLED ROBERT VILLERS TO INFORM HIM THAT

MEXICAN OFFICIAL SAYS THAT FEES MUST BE PAID IN MEXICO THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES AND WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON REPORT BY JOSEPH VILLERS. OWNER SAID HE WAS EXPECTING CALL FROM HIS SON AND WOULD GET FIGURES FROM HIM. SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TRANSFER FUNDS TO ISLA MUJERES AND IF THAT NOT POSSIBLE WOULD GO THERE HIMSELF WITH MONEY.

4. COPIES OF STATEMENTS OF U.S. SKIPPERS AND PORTIONS OF DEPT FINDER CHARTS BEING POUCHED. SUGGEST DEPT OBTAIN OPINIONS USCG VALUE OF THESE DOCUMENTS IN DETERMINING ACTUAL POSITION VILCO. WILL ALSO POUCH COPY MEXICAN NAVY REPORT WHEN OBTAINED.
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